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SPI Fire Department offers free community CPR classes

South Padre Island, TX, Feb. 13, 2018: The City of South Padre Island (SPI) Fire Department will host the first of many free CPR classes. This is an opportunity for anyone in the community to be introduced to skills that could help save a life. Classes will be held the first and third Wednesday of the month from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, located at [4501 Padre Blvd.](#)

The City of South Padre Island is constantly working to create a safer environment for our community. According to the American Heart Association more than 350,000 U.S. citizens a year suffer sudden cardiac arrest; approximately 12 percent survive. Less than half of the victims receive bystander CPR. A key aspect to increasing survival rates is training the population in CPR.

"The highest CPR survival rates occur in communities that regularly train the population to quickly recognize sudden cardiac arrest and take fast and appropriate action," stated Doug Fowler, fire chief. "Early detection, early intervention, and early notification (911) is the key to saving lives."

For more information, please contact the SPI Fire Department at (956) 761-3830.

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